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STAGGERING FIGURES: ARMY ASKS FOR MORE AS JAPAN REELS FROM HUGE BUDGET BURDEN

War Ministry's Estimates To Be Compromised At Over Four Billion Yen

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (Reuters) — THE WAR MINISTRY'S ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY DRAFT BUDGETS FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR TOTALLED YEN 6,000,000,000, WHICH THE FINANCE MINISTRY SLASHED TO YEN 4,400,000,000, IT IS REVEALED TODAY.

IT IS KNOWN THAT THE WAR MINISTRY IS PRESSING FOR THE RESTORATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF THE SLASHED ITEMS.

The Nichi Nichi forecasts that the War Ministry's estimates will be compromised at around Yen 4,900,000,000.

The Cabinet today takes up consideration of the draft budgetary estimates of all the Ministries except those of the Navy, War and Finance.

These estimates total Yen 1,770,000,000, representing an increase of Yen 399,000,000, compared with the current year. The current budget totals Yen 8,874,000,000.

The Miyako Shinbun forecasts that next year's total will be around Yen 13,000,000,000.

According to the Finance Ministry, bond issues, scheduled for the present financial year, aggregate Yen 7,829,000,000, made up of Yen 5,925,000,000 needed to balance the current budget, with Yen 1,704,000,000 brought forward from last year.

Bond issues in the current year until the end of November totalled Yen 3,502,000,000, leaving a balance of Yen 4,126,000,000 not yet issued.

The National Debt at the end of November totalled Yen 20,859,000,000.

ALL-NIGHT CONFERENCE

After an all-night conference the Finance Ministry at dawn reached an agreement with the War Ministry in connexion with the war estimates for the next fiscal year.

As a result, the budgetary estimates as follows: Ordinary General Accounts Yen 5,900,000,000. Extraordinary Military Budget Yen 4,400,000,000, giving a grand total of Yen 10,300,000,000.

The total shows an increase of Yen 950,000,000 compared with the present fiscal year which expires in April, 1940.

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EX-CHINA STATION AIRMAN KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters) — The Air Ministry casualty list contains, amongst those killed on active service, Squadron-Leader P. M. Watt, ex-Adjutant of Air Units in H.M.S. Hermes in China and a famous glider.

FIRM PROTEST LODGED WITH PUPPET MAYER

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuters) — The British Consul-General, Sir Herbert Phillips, yesterday sent a strongly worded protest to the puppet Mayor, Fu Siao-en, in connexion with the attempt by Chinese Police of the Japanese-sponsored Special Municipality of Greater Shanghai, to collect taxes from a British woman, Mrs. Cohen, resident outside the road district.

The protest stated that the Consul-General does not recognize the authority of the Shanghai Special Municipality to collect taxes and further objected to the methods of intimidation alleged to be used by puppet tax collectors.

The action by the Consul-General followed closely two attempts in the past week to obtain taxes from British residents outside the Roads Area.

Premature Report

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuters) — It is learned that the newspaper reports that the British Government is ready to support sanctions against Soviet Russia is regarded as informed circles as premature.

These circles stated it is too early yet to forecast but it may be decided upon after the consultation at Geneva.

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MAIN INTEREST WILL BE CENTRED ON FOUR LADIES' GAMES IN SUNDAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE CARD

Canadian Chinese To Face First Real Test

BY R.O.Y.

Although four men's games are down for decision tomorrow, main interest of the fans will be centred on two of the four ladies' matches that will also be played.

First in importance will be the Wahoos-Canadian Chinese clash at noon; the latter are the only unbeaten squad in the competition and will be meeting their first real test of the season.

The Green Owls, having lost a close game to the Wildcats, are in second position and will fight hard for a victory that will put them back on top of the heap.

IMPORTANT MATCH

The other match, which will have an important bearing on the league standings, is the Recreio-Wildcats fixture which is scheduled to start at 10.30 a.m. on the Recreio ground.

The Wildcats lost unexpectedly to the Ball Club females in their last outing and will have to take this game to stay in the running for the championship, they now hold.

The Ramblers also took a tumble at their previous try, but are still tied in second place with the opposing Chinese girls. The result of the game will depend on the ability of hurler Lily Mai to hold the Recreio sluggers in check and if she can do this, the Wildcats should finish on the long end of the score.

THE OPENER

The opener at Prince Edward Road will see the Pirates tangle with the Cubs at 10.30 a.m. in what should be an easy outing for the Buccaneers.

The other ladies' fixture will be the Ball Club-Baby Panthers game at 1.30 p.m.

After their convincing triumph over the Wildcats, the Ball Club girls should not be unduly troubled by the Baby Panthers who have invariably given their opponents a close fight but have displayed lack of finishing power.

MEN'S PROGRAMME

Commencing with the Ball Club-Machine Gunners on the C. B. A. ground at noon, the men's programme has nothing of promise to offer.

Chung Hwa will probably go out and play a lackadaisical game against the Filipino Club and still run out winners by a wide margin.

The Canadian Chinese are likely to meet with a little more opposition from the Liga gang but it is

Today's Lawn Bowls Match

As some of the selected players are unable to take part, it has been necessary to re-arrange some of the rinks to represent St. George's Society in the Lawn Bowls game against St. Andrew's Society, which takes place at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club today, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

St. George's Society's team will be:

V. C. Labrum, H. E. the Governor, J. Deakin, J. K. Bousfield (skip).

J. S. Howell, J. Watson, T. E. Robson, B. W. Bradbury (skip).

G. T. Padgett, G. E. F. Thompson, S. Eccleshall, A. W. Grimmit (skip).

R. P. Phillips, V. Walker, S. Randle, F. Goodwin (skip).

P. S. Cassidy, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, S. M. White, J. G. Meyer (skip).

B. D. Evans, Hon. Mr. R. E. Lindell, E. V. Starke, J. Hollidge (skip).

B. E. Maughan, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, D. W. Waterton, W. S. Drake (skip).

W. A. Cornell, L. de Rome, T. Armstrong, A. E. Carey (skip).

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THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

The December Race Meeting will be held at Areal Preta, Macao, on Sunday, 10th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. approximately.

By order,

S. W. CHENG,

Secretary.

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SPORTS

GOVERNOR'S CUP WILL BE MAIN EVENT AT MACAO RACE MEETING TOMORROW

(BY "LAST QUARTER")

The main event at the December Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club, which will be held at the Areal Preta course tomorrow afternoon, will be the Governor's Cup, for which there are twelve entries, including such old stalwarts as Shanghai 4 and Fairy Auk.

Another feature that would undoubtedly interest onlookers is the Melbourne Handicap for "C" Class Australian Ponies, though one might have expected better response from owners than the mere five contenders.

Kiang Wu Handicap

I surmise that both Fairy Auk and Shanghai 4 will not start in this half mile sprint as they will probably be held over for the main event the Governor's Cup, but if they are saddled both these ponies are capable of accounting for the minor position.

Melbourne Handicap

Here again the top weighted Lucky Eleven should score another success, although National Anthem will give this chestnut quite a battle for premier honour.

I believe the others are not up to the class of the two mentioned, although Gallant Marshal appears as an outsider. Mac's Adventure is about the next best.

Macau Handicap

If Violet Queen starts in this six furlongs sprint she should win fairly comfortably, based on this mare's recent performance at Happy Valley.

Ruby Star should finish second and Tarzan, who is extremely fast in getting away will probably place.

Zodiac may be near if this bay strips in good condition.

Governor's Cup

This classic is over one mile and my choice is Shanghai 4, as this pony has come on nicely of late and the allotted weight (146 lbs.)

is not too excessive. The main opposition will be furnished by Fairy Auk (180 lbs.) but in view of the weight I do not think this grey will be able to beat Shanghai 4.

Meadow Eve, who started here as he was not fully extended in his last outing and is the best sprinter amongst the entrants. If High Tower is fit, this grey should be the next one to follow as he is the only one, in my opinion, that can give Eagle a race or even beat him in a sprint event. Na-

means of an upset, particularly if he impresses earlier in the day. Fairy Ouse has an outside chance.

Tap Siac Handicap

Here we have our old friends from the Valley and Chatterbox is the logical pony to follow. If Lan-

cashire Chap has the services of a strong jockey I think this grey

may do the trick. Radium Star looks very attractive at only 148 lbs. and should be very near.

If the first half mile is run in

slow time, then watch out for Tal- kative over the last quarter. The Tress, I am afraid, has too much weight to look after.

Macau Handicap (Second Section)

Rose Day should add another Macao success to his credit, with

The Spirit of St. Louis as the

danger. Labour Day, if fully re-

covered, has a chance and should

at least place. Cloudy Star is not

too bad a bet.



THE GOVERNOR'S CUP

SCHOOL BOYS & COMPETITIVE GAMES

"I entirely agree with the Principal (of the Central British School), Rev. G. E. S. Updell, that it is not desirable that boy's still at school should take part in competitive games against local clubs," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell at the school's prize-giving yesterday.

"It is a fact that not a few football games between clubs, owing to their inter-national nature, are fought with a deplorable lack of sportsmanship."

Umpires: W. Woo, H. Quon and G. White

RECREIO GROUND

10.30 Wahoos v. Recreio: Umpires: Thomas, Gurevitch, and J. J. Higgins.

3 p.m.: Recreio v. U. S. S. Tulsa (friendly).

12 noon: Ball Club v. Machine Gunners: Umpires: Nip Lum, Tuffy Chin and M. Mendonca.

1.15 p.m.: Chung Hwa v. Filipino Club: Umpires: N. Beltrao, M. Mendonca and J. J. Higgins.

2.30 p.m.: Canadian Chinese v. Liga: Umpires: Nip Lum, Tuffy Chin and Bautista

3.45 p.m.: Mindanao v. Trojans: Friendly.

BEST MATCH IN LADIES' HOCKEY LEAGUE SEASON TODAY

(BY "RECODER")

"Y" Ladies, holders of the Caer Clark Cup and St. Andrew's Ladies, second favourites for the Senior League Championship, meet this afternoon in what should be the best match of the Ladies' Hockey League season.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Both teams have made important changes in their line-up. The champions have brought in the Shanghai Interporter, Miss Decima Eardley, at centre-forward, moving Miss Dorothy McCaw, one of the best centre-forwards now in the Colony, to left-wing.

St. Andrew's Ladies have considerably strengthened their attack by the inclusion of left-wing of Miss Betty Longbottom. St. Andrew's start with, on paper, a stronger defence than "Y" Ladies, though their intermediate line is weaker. The forward lines are evenly matched, and it remains to be seen which team experimented with more success.

THE TEAMS

The game will be played on the "Y" ground, commencing from 3 p.m. The teams will be:

ST. ANDREW'S: Miss June Hall; Miss G. White, and Miss M. da Roza; Miss S. West, Miss J. Wong, and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Miss S. Roberts, Miss H. Reid, and Miss B. Longbottom.

"Y" LADIES: Miss C. Minoot; Mrs. L. E. Stone and Mrs. N. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck, and Miss K. M. Pocock; Mrs. O. Burnett; Miss B. Harker, Miss Decima Eardley, Mrs. S. Gardner, and Miss D. McCaw.

OTHER MATCHES

In other Caer Clark Cup matches on this afternoon's programme, C.B.A. are at home to Hong Kong Ladies, and Central British School to Recreio Ladies. H.K. Ladies and the C.B.S. start favourites.

In the Brown Cup League matches, the Diocesan Girls' School are at home to the Argonautas. St. Andrew's meet C.B.A., and Recreio are at home to "Y" Ladies.

H.K. GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES

The following are the Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanning tomorrow.

OLD COURSE

9.15 D. J. Gilmore, J. T. Smith, P. D. Hunter, W. W. C. Shewan, G. M. Park, L. R. Andrews, H. N. Williamson, J. Forbes, A. M. Kirby, H. F. Murford, A. D. Humphreys, R. K. Valentine.

9.40 R. C. Gardner, R. G. Gray, Brig. Macleod, S. H. Dodwell, L. A. R. Duncan, B. R. Davies, S. B. Church, M. D. Cooper, F. Groves, W. G. Robertson.

10.00 W. Hewitt, E. Lawrence, F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groome, H. J. D. Lowe, J. B. Harrison.

10.12 E. Norris, A. Nicol, 10.16 Condr. Hole, T. Megarry.

10.20 S. T. Butlin, F. Buckle, 10.24 Condr. Murray, T. R. Rowell.

10.28 J. E. Dovey, D. H. Evans, H. Overly, W. E. Mackenzie.

10.40 D. Humphreys, P. S. Delany.

10.44 H. Rees, J. G. Jensen, R. H. Gregory, A. B. Purves.

10.52 J. W. Mayhew, P. E. Annis, R. C. Stewart, D. H. Clark.

11.00 W. Park, W. Sharp, S. Tomlinson, I. P. Tamworth.

11.12 A. McKellar, N. K. Littlejohn.

11.16 J. M. Pearson, W. S. E. James.

11.20 E. J. Figgiano, J. W. Clague.

11.24 H. M. Rowland, B. O. Baldwin, A. J. Dennis, R. K. Collings, L. L. Carter, G. T. Harrington.

NEW COURSE

9.20 L. M. S. Lloyd, J. R. Collins, A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.

9.24 Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Morford, W. J. S. Key*, A. H. McBride.

9.44 D. L. Strellet, D. D. Forbes.

9.58 Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Davies.

10.00 W. W. C. Steele-Perkins, Col. Matthews.

10.12 Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Nicol.

10.24 Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Rowell.

10.38 Mrs. Probert, Mrs. Watson.

10.44 T. E. Pearce, J. C. Taylor.

10.58 Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Clark.

11.00 Mrs. Park, Mrs. Sharp.

11.08 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Edward.

11.16 Major Johnstone, L. Macrae.

11.20 Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Collings.

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TODAY

A B.R.C. RECORDING OF
"THE FOL-DE-BOLE""London Log"
12.15 p.m. Short service of Intercession.
12.30 Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.
The Village That Nobody Knows (Simpson and Haydn Wood); Let Me Whisper (Rosell and Heyman); You Belong To Dreamland (Gilroy); If The Old River Thames Were The Danube (Butler and Others).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 George Scott Wood and His 51 Singers.

Quicksstep—Hot Pie; Slow Fox-Trot—Hot Pie; Fox-Trots—Handel in Harlequin; My Sweetie Went Away; Evergreens of Jazz—Intro: Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight; In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree; Dinah; Avalon; I Can't Give You Anything but Love; Baby; Nakasaki; Fox-Trots Hot Pie Medley—Intro: I Got Rhythm; China Boy; Alice Blue Gown; Hot Lips; Aunt Faggs Blues; Am I Blue; Slow Fox-Trot—Nightfall.

1.20 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selection from Light Opera, "Wake Up And Dream" — Vocal Gems (Porter); "Mister Cinders" — Vocal Gems (Ellis and Myers); Light Opera Company with Orchestra, "The Maid Of The Mountains" — Selection (Fraser-Simon) — London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cram.

"The Merry Widow" — "Villa"; "The Merry Widow Waltz" — Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orchestra, "The Damask Rose" — Selection (Ophelia themes, adapted G. H. Clutsam) — Court Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Compositions of Bach.

Two Minutes (from "Sonata No. 6 in E Major for Solo Violin") — Henry Merckel (Violin) Unaccompanied.

Partita in B Flat — Harold Samuel (Piano). My Spirit Was In Heaviness (from the Cantata "Sighing, Weeping, Trouble, Want"); The Heart I Ask From Thee, Love — Lotte Leonard (Soprano) with Organ, Violin & Harpsichord. Aria (from Suite In D); Andante — Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano. Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 In F Major — Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

Good-Bye (Tosti); Killarney (Palmeron-Baile); I Love You So (from "The Merry Widow" — Lehár) — with Orchestra accompaniment.

7.00 Military Band Concert with Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

Castaldo — March (Movacek arr. Hewitt); L'Entente Cordiale — March Anglo-Française (Allier) — The B.C.C. Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell. The Bell Ringer (Oxford-Wallace); Out On The Deep (Cowan and Lohr) — Malcolm McEachern (Bass) with Orchestra. Tidworth Tattoo; Tidworth March; Coburg March; Sambras Et Meuse-March (Planquette) — Massed Bands of the Southern Command. March Lorraine (Ganne); La Marcellaise — La Garde Republicaine Band conducted by M. G. Baley. Anchors Aweigh — March — United States Navy Band cond. by Lieut Charles Benter.

7.30 London Relay — The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 B.R.C. Recording — "Flying High" Part II.

Written and arranged by Alan Russet and Charles Brewer.

8.30 London Relay — "Birds of a Feather."

"Comedy of Welsh Rural Life.

9.00 Whistle Melville and Derek Oldham with Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Dainty Little Maiden (Geley); I've Found A Whole World In You (Leslie); Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham (Vocal Duets) with Orchestra.

"The Beggar Student" — Selection (Millock); Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

9.05 Studio — Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay — News Summary.

9.30 Local Sport Results.

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HITLER'S LATEST EFFORTS TO WOO THE CONFIDENCE OF TURKEY

NEW ENVOY'S WORK DESTINED TO FAIL

ISTANBUL, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Herr Hitler's latest envoy to Turkey, Baron von Lersner, has been hard at work since he arrived four days ago to regain the confidence of the Turks, since Herr von Papen's mission is considered to have failed completely, according to dispatches from Ankara.

TURKS REMEMBER

Baron von Lersner, who describes himself the "Representative in Turkey of the German Near East Club," claims that his task consists of a better furthering of Turkish-German cultural, social and economic relations.

It is not thought, however, that this new Nazi bid to win over the Turks will have the desired effect, as the Turks are unlikely to forget in a hurry the bitter experiences of the past.

PRESS CRITICISM

Turkish newspapers on Wednesday and Thursday carried articles violently attacking the Nazi diplomats accredited to Turkey, whom they hold to be directly responsible for the wide distribution two days ago of a Turkish translation of the Pravda's bitter attack on the Turkish press.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, returned to London after a brief visit to North England. (Reuter).

Stomach Upset by Acidity?

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SOVIET PLANE DOWNED WITH ONE RIFLE SHOT

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Finland, today honours a Finnish rifleman who brought down a Soviet plane with one shot.

The rifleman drew a careful bead on the aircraft's petrol tank and fired one shot. It pierced the tank and down came the plane just outside Helsinki.

Nazi Press Allegations

REFUTATION BY AIR MINISTRY

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—In connection with the R.A.F. raids on German naval bases, the German press alleged that the British planes were repulsed by anti-aircraft fire and had to make their escape over Danish territory.

On the other hand, the Air Ministry announced that the flight was successful and it was denied in both London and Copenhagen that the British planes violated Danish territory.

COLLISION CLAIMED

According to the German press, a German and British machine collided off the Dutch coast and fell into the sea.

Nothing is known about this in London, but a Coastal Command machine reports having inflicted damage on two Dornier flying boats over the North Sea.

Neither of the German planes were brought down, but they were damaged and swayed in their flight, in the words of the British pilot. He said it was doubtful whether at least one of the flying boats would be able to get back to its base.

PURSUED TO SEA

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that shortly before the air engagement over the Firth of Forth yesterday, in the course of which eight enemy aircraft were driven off, two aircraft were encountered by R.A.F. fighters.

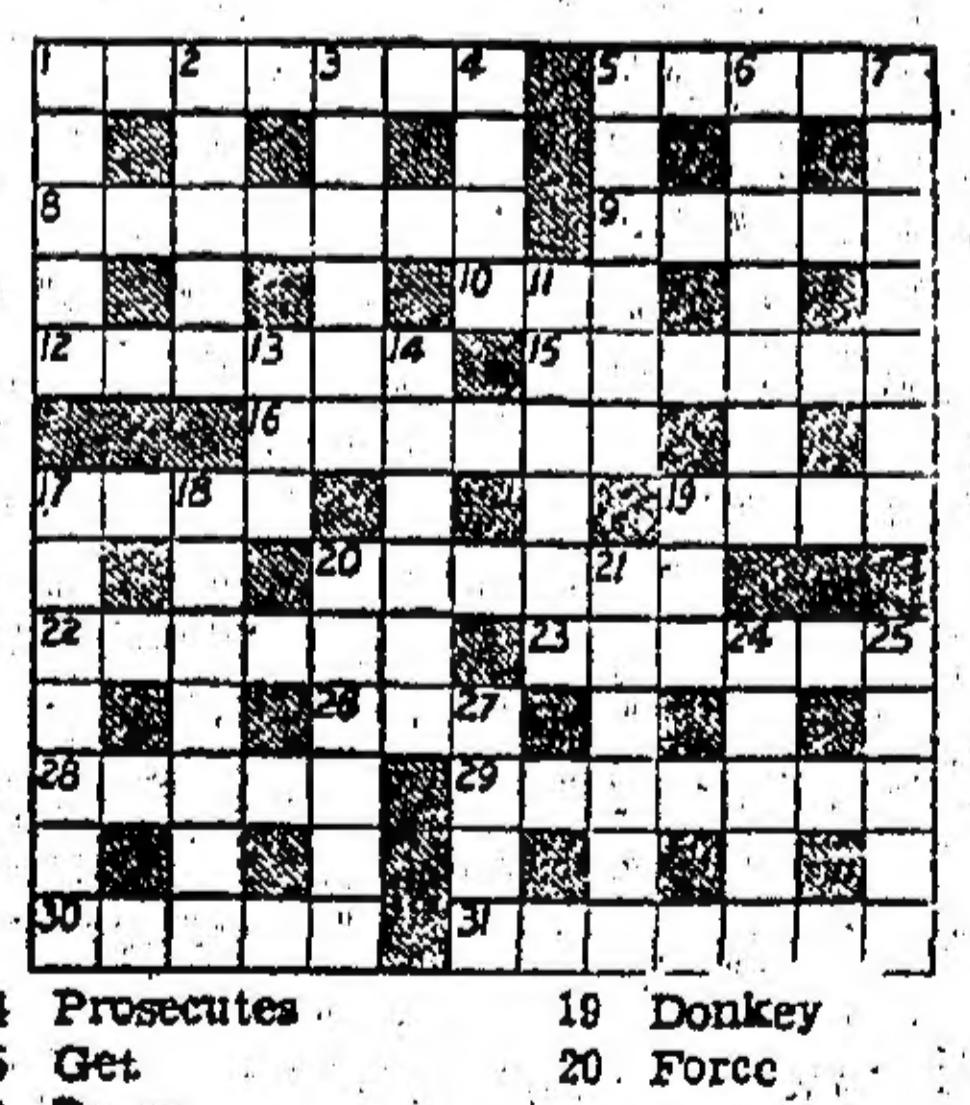
The enemy planes immediately turned back, but were pursued out to sea and one was seen to be hit.

SOVIET PILOTS EXECUTED BY OGPU

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Reports reaching Helsinki from Raittisid, the Estonian Baltic port state that Soviet Army officials and the OGPU executed 21 Soviet pilots on charges of sabotage.

The aviators refused to renew their aerial attacks on Finnish towns.

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TORPEDOING OF DUTCH STEAMER

Indignation In Holland

FRESH GERMAN THREAT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Holland is filled with indignation at the torpedoing of the 8,159-ton Dutch steamer Tjajandoen, the eighth ship and the third largest Holland has lost in the war.

It is pointed out that the disaster follows immediately on German's threat to Holland and the Dutch reply.

Queen Wilhelmina, yesterday visited the flooded areas of Holland and inspected the Army's defence preparations, about which no secret is being made following the new German warning.

NAZIS ANNOYED

It is learned that German official circles are angry at the news that British Consular Officers are now on board Dutch ships in Dutch ports to examine cargo at the suggestion of Dutch shipping interests.

THIS greatly speeds up the contraband control system but Germany regards it as a gross breach of neutrality and it is anticipated that German pressure on the Dutch Government will be further increased.

SIX STILL MISSING

A later message from Amsterdam states that all the passengers of the Tjajandoen were saved, according to a telegram from the Captain and that six of the crew are missing.

A second boatload of survivors were picked up and it is now believed that six persons are missing.

TELEPHONE BAN LIFTED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Netherlands military authorities have lifted the ban on the use of telephones in areas proclaimed sometime ago to be in "a state of siege".

Only the Dutch, English, French and German languages, however, may be used in conversation over the telephone.

64 SURVIVORS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Belgian steamer Louisheid carrying 64 survivors of the Tjajandoen, ran ashore in the English Channel. Lifeboats went to her assistance and took the Tjajandoen survivors to an English port.

The captain stated that he was uncertain whether the explosion was due to a torpedo or a mine.

DUTCH DEMARCHE

THE HAGUE, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Netherlands Government has made a demarche to the German Government concerning the torpedoing of the steamer Sliedrecht.

The aviators refused to renew their aerial attacks on Finnish towns.

Rothermere Case Echo In Commons

PRINCESS LEAVING ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—An echo of the recent Rothermere Court Case was heard in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. George Strauss (Lab.) asked the Home Secretary whether, in view of the revelations in the recent High Court action of her close association with the German Chancellery, he was considering the deportation of Princess Hohenlohe.

Mr. John Anderson replied: "I understand this Hungarian subject has made arrangements to leave the country by a boat sailing in the next few days."

Dangers To Shipping In North Sea

BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK

RIGA, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Owing to the danger to shipping in the North Sea, the Baltic States are arranging to transport goods destined for Holland and Belgium via Hamburg and German waterways.

EIGHT LIVES LOST

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced that His Majesty's trawler Washington (209 tons) was sunk yesterday in the North Sea with the loss of eight lives.

MID-SEA COLLISION

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Liverpool steamer Chancellor (4,807 tons) is reported to have sunk in the Atlantic following a collision with another vessel in the convoy. The crew were rescued.

CANADA'S UNITED DETERMINATION

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Mr. Harold Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, arrived back in England on Wednesday with the Australian Air Minister. He had flown from Canada and said he was amazed at the united determination of Canada to play a full part in the war.

Many Americans were coming forward and offering themselves for service with Canada, he had been told.

Relief is provided by the Ministry of Communications for the officers and workers of the Peking-Hankow Railway who have been unemployed since the Japanese occupation of the greater part of the line. Over 4,000 of them and their families gathered at Yenching and Chengchow have been relieved. Some 2,000 have been given work in Kwangyuan and Chungking while 600 are serving on the Szechuan-Shensi highway.

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TRIBUTE PAID TO PATRIOTIC SPIRIT SHOWN BY CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL STUDENTS: SPEECH DAY

High tribute was paid to the excellent patriotic spirit shown by the students of the Central British School, when, at their annual prize day yesterday, both the Principal, the Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell, M.A., H.C.F., C.I.E., and Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, who presided, in their addresses to the large gathering present, disclosed how the students had decided to forego almost all the prizes that were to be won and, with Government consent, had the prize fund diverted to the British War Organisation Fund. The idea was their own and came without any promoting.

"I should like to take them this opportunity of congratulating them on their public spirit," said Mr. Upsdell, in the course of his report for the year, "And I hope it will be an example to many in the Colony."

The principal, in presenting the report for 1938-39 said, in part:

The school was in charge of Mr. Handside for the winter term, 1938 and I resumed responsibility once again in January 1939 on return from leave. There have been two events of special importance. First: the school has been approved by the Cambridge University as being eligible for the "A" certificate, which gives it the hall mark in the educational world of a first class secondary school; Second: the school now ranks as one of the Senior Schools of the Colony as from Jan. 1, of this year. The maximum enrolment during the year was 322 and average attendance was 94 per cent.

STUDIES

In the Cambridge School Certificate Examination seven sat and four passed. Of the other three, one obtained three credits, passed in three other subjects, but failed in mathematics. And thus was failed in the whole examination: one had to undergo a serious operation in the middle of the examination, after pluckily taking 5 papers.

One candidate sat for the H.K. University Matriculation examination with excellent results, which qualified him for a Government scholarship at the Hongkong University.

Eighteen candidates sat for the Hongkong School Certificate examination from Form 5 and 11 passed.

The Library's supply of fiction is met almost entirely by gifts from the pupils themselves. This is a matter of gratification in itself, but considerably narrows the Librarian's power of selection. Those who give of their spare time for the administration of the library deserve full credit for their work.

SPORTS

Outdoor games and athletics are now an integral part of the life of the school, although their importance is not emphasized to the detriment of other activities; and our school teams, in all branches of sport, continue to indulge in friendly competition with those of other schools and clubs.

Some of our senior boys are already playing for clubs in the Colony and I appeal to parents to be very cautious before giving such permission. Much time and effort is put into their training and we naturally expect their full support in the school activities until they leave us: it is only in exceptional circumstances that such permission should be given and then only with the consent of the Headmaster.

C.B.A.

This leads me to say a few words on the importance and value of a strong past pupils' Association. The school gives of its best to the pupils while they are with us and we look forward to the bond of unity being continued after they have completed their school life. During the year the constitution of the Association has been revised. It is natural that our past pupils should be found in many of the Colony's clubs and the membership of the C.B.A. has been divided into 2 sections: (a) Full membership at a subscription of \$15 per year; (b) Club membership at a subscription of \$3 per year.

I should like to appeal to all our past pupils who have entered other clubs to retain their union with us by joining section (b) at the nominal subscription of \$3 per annum and thus be with us in social activities: a letter to me will put you in touch with our Hon. Secretary and the spirit of the school will thus be maintained and our unity continued.

SCHOOL HOURS

In the winter and spring terms the official normal hours amount to 26 hours 25 minutes per week and in the summer term to 25 hours per week (not including recess). To meet the needs of Hongkong parents a concession has been made in the summer term to stop at 12.25 p.m. instead of 12.50 p.m.

The long distance of the homes of many of the children from school and the difficulties of transport made this concession advisable. In England the hours at Secondary Schools are (on the average) 25 hours per week (including recess) all the year round and holidays are 1 month at Xmas, 3 weeks at Easter and 8 weeks in the summer.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Shortly before my return from leave a meeting of parents was held to consider the formation of a parents' Association...

Two complaints have been received by me since my return and I take this opportunity of publicly answering them:

(1) Frequent change of Principal. It may be expected that the approval by Government of this school being a Senior appointment as from Jan. 1, 1939 will reduce the need for changes of Principal to a minimum.

(2) Books—Before the opening of this school in 1938 the various members of the Staff, who are specialists in their own subjects, revised the book list, bringing it up to date and changes were made accordingly. Last year I understand they were again altered.

I assure parents that there will therefore be no need for further changes for some time except in so far as examinations demand.

GIRL GUIDES

Our Company of Girl Guides (1st Kowloon Company) has had a very active year in charge of Mrs. Beeken. Mrs. Clarke left for Home leave at the end of January and we were fortunate in having Miss A. Laskovetsky to take her place.

CODE OF HONOUR

My attention has been drawn to recent correspondence in the Press. I take this opportunity

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FINAL REHEARSALS FOR "NO! NO! NANETTE" GIVE PROMISE OF BRILLIANT SUCCESS

(BY "PRUDENCE")

Those who seek an antidote for gloom will find it at the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday next, when the Philharmonic Society start their four-day run of *No! No! Nanette!*

An invitation to the first costume-rehearsal brought us to the stage door the other night, to find an atmosphere of bustle and expectancy everywhere.

ABLE LEADERSHIP

Under the able leadership of Surg. Capt. Hobbs, R. N., (the Musical Director) the Band of the Royal Scots were giving a spirited rendering of the overture, while in the wings a bevy of young and pretty girls, clad in most enchanting coral-pink "scanties," waited their cue for the opening chorus.

Here let me state that the dancing and team-work throughout the show are quite exceptionally good, and the eight Speciality Dancers, led by Peggy Scotter and Peggy Stoneman, are simply splendid...

...and no wonder... since they have all been drilled, and their numbers arranged by Carol Dateman, of Shanghai, who has every reason to be proud of her team, which is the best ever seen in a Philharmonic Show.

EXCELLENT CASTING

Congratulations are also due to Mr. Willie Robertson, the producer, for his excellent casting.

Harry Cocks, as the gay and irresponsible husband who leads Nanette astray, has a wonderful part which fits him like a glove, and he is ably abetted by his opposite number Willie Simpson.

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ANNUAL STOCK TAKING

No stores or clothing and equipment of any description will be issued from H.Q. from December 23, 1939 to January 4, 1940 (both dates inclusive).

PARADES

2nd Battery
Layers Examination: Dec. 10: Scandal Point, 9 a.m. Dress as for Battery parade, less greatcoat.

A.A.M.G. Class: Dec. 11, Kennedy Road Range, 5 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

3rd Battery

Gun Detachments and Range-Takers: Dec. 11, Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps and G.P. shoes.

Lewis Gun Squad: Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

4th Battery

Dec. 13, Wellington Barracks, 6 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Dress—Overalls.

Field Company Engineers

Dec. 11, K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry.

Corps Signals

Dec. 9, Reconnaissance party as detailed.

Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.

Mobile Column

Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Pay parade. All N.C.O.'s and men who were at camp will attend this parade.

Armoured Car Platoon

Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A, B and C Classes. M.G. instruction.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon

Dec. 11, H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

No. 1 Company

Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons: Dec. 12 (1) Squad No. 2 Only. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road. (11) Squad No. 4. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Revolver training. (III) Remainder. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. as Company programme.

No. 4 (Troop) Platoon: Dec. 12 and 15, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.

No. 2 Company

Dec. 13, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B Class. M.G. stripping and assembling.

No. 3 Company

Dec. 10, Stonecutters, M.G. Part II. Those detailed. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.

Dress—Optional, but equipment will be worn.

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FEDERAL UNION

(Contributed)

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWS of the League of Nations points out that the attention being given to the possibility of making a federated Europe as a bulwark of peace in the future recalls, the historic document in which the French Government in 1929 commended to the consideration of Members of the League M. Briand's scheme for a European Federal Union.

IN THE LIGHT OF FUTURE EVENTS and present controversies, it is especially interesting to note the tenor of some of the replies from the Member States at that time to this proposal. As will be recalled, the scheme came to naught, but it is noteworthy that less than ten years ago the Governments, after ten years' experience of the working of the League, were convinced of the importance of maintaining its organisation.

FOR INSTANCE, the Spanish Government considered it essential that any system of European co-operation should be in harmony with the League of Nations and kept within its framework. The Netherlands Government was glad to note that, in the French Government's opinion, nothing should be done in seeking a formula of European co-operation to weaken the authority of the League. The Finnish Government thought it necessary that the future European Union should be organised within the framework of the League of Nations. The Italian Government was convinced that any proposal for federal union should be harmonised with the structure and with the work of the League of Nations, and it held that, at first, the right to membership of the union should be limited to the League's Member States. The Austrian Government also considered that the union should be in full harmony with the League of Nations in the machinery of Geneva. The Polish Government remarked that the union could not be regarded as anything other than a reasonable understanding within the framework of the Covenant of the League "which is and always will be the supreme law for all Members of the League." The German Government concurred in the view that the efforts to secure European co-operation must not injure the League of Nations.

NO STEP SHOULD BE

CONTEMPLATED which could lead to isolating Europe from other continents which might result in the formation of other groups within the League. The Hungarian Government毫不犹豫地 accepted the principle that European co-operation should not weaken the authority of the League of Nations.

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NOTICE is hereby given that VALENTINE ADRIAN, formerly known as VALENTINE ADRIAN (ADRIANOVITCH) NOVIKOV, on the 30th day of November, 1939, by a deed poll formally and absolutely renounced and relinquished and abandoned the use of his surname of NOVIKOV and then assumed and adopted and determined thenceforth on all occasions whatsoever to use and subscribe the name of VALENTINE ADRIAN instead of the said name of VALENTINE ADRIAN NOVIKOV.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that the said VALENTINE ADRIAN, formerly known as VALENTINE ADRIAN NOVIKOV, of No. 35 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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"OLD-FASHIONED REDSKIN FIGHTING" PROCEEDING IN NORTHERN FINLAND AS FINNS ENGAGE IN CLOSE COMBAT

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—According to a Norwegian correspondent in Finland, the fighting in the northern part of the country is like the "old-fashioned Redskin fighting." The Finns are ambushing the Russians in the thick woods and taking a great toll with long knives in hand-to-hand fighting.

Daylight in this area is only some five hours long, which imposes severe restrictions on the use of heavy artillery and planes by the Russians. Heavy falls of snow are also robbing the Russians of advantages in field tanks.

The Russians claim to have advanced thirty miles south of Petsamo, but in the past twenty-four hours they do not seem to have come to grips with the main Finnish defences.

Reports by Italian correspondents state that before the Finns withdrew from Petsamo they set the town on fire, leaving the Russians with a heap of ruins.

About 1,000 people, mostly women and children and the aged, crossed over into Norway and it is learned that a number of foreign employees of the nickel mines, including Britishers and Canadians, are also safe across the border.

STOUT RESISTANCE

On the southern and central frontiers, the Russians are still trying to push the Finns back and the Finns are stoutly resisting.

Yesterday morning's Red communiqué claimed that Soviet troops had pierced the famous Mannerheim Line. The Finns deny this and neutral reports suggest that the Russians merely made contact with the line at one or two points.

Heavy Mists Prevent Air Activity

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Heavy mists again prevented air activity on either side in Finland and the recent flights by Soviet planes over Finnish territory are believed to have been undertaken to explore the possibilities of landing troops by parachute.

The Finns are undismayed, "for a network of watches, with rifles loaded, stands ready day and night to deal with parachutists and anti-aircraft batteries have already proved effective against Russian planes.

Russian warships are reported to be searching for Finnish warships off the coast of Sweden.

Telegrams from Haparanda report that a fierce battle (described as the bloodiest that has yet occurred) in the vicinity of Petsamo.

It is estimated that there were 7,000 Russians in the field when the battle was begun and that they have already lost 2,000.

COLD FURY

The Finns are stated to be fighting with cold and methodical fury.

According to the Aftonbladet, the Soviet steam roller on the Karelian Isthmus has apparently been checked and may even be stuck.

It is reported from Helsinki that heavy engagement occurred northeast of Kemijärvi where 3,000 Russians were driven back.

The retirement of the Finnish troops brought them to their main line of defence in this sector.

GOVT. FUNCTIONING

The Finnish Government departments are still functioning at Helsinki, using secret addresses and changing telephone numbers constantly in order to frustrate possible espionage.

It is stated that 2,500 Swedes have offered to serve with the Finnish Forces.

MANNERHEIM LINE GIVING WAY

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Thousands of men were sacrificed by the Red Army yesterday morning in a desperate attack on the Mannerheim Line. It is now admitted, however, that as a result of the violent regardless-of-loss attack, the Soviets have gained a footing in the Mannerheim defence system.

Thrilling accounts of the battle are coming through. Wave upon wave of Russian infantry, led by tanks, hurled themselves against the Finnish defences for fifteen hours and a terrible toll was taken by machine-gun fire.

One machine-gun nest concealed in village on the edge of the Mannerheim Line held up a Soviet Brigade for more than four hours, the village streets being strewn with Russian dead.

Italy Intends To Safeguard Sea Traffic

ROME, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Fascist Grand Council communiqué justifies the decision taken on September 1 justifying the establishing of "non-belligerency" of Italy on the following grounds:

Firstly, the immediate precedents of the war;

Secondly, the character of static war assumed by the war itself on the Western Front;

Thirdly, its development, more particularly in the economic field by "the blockade and counter-blockade of traffic";

Fourthly, the changes which occurred in the territorial situation and in the relation of the forces from the Baltic to the Carpathians.

The Council says that the decision of September 1 has hitherto averted the extension of the conflict to south-eastern and Mediterranean Europe.

The communiqué asserts that Italy intends to safeguard sea traffic in the most definite manner both for prestige and the indisputable necessities of life.

FINLAND'S DESPERATE APPEAL

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—A desperate appeal to the world for help was issued by the Finnish Foreign Office spokesman, in an interview with Reuter.

He said that every Finnish citizen was asking what the world was going to do about Finland. Sympathy comes from all quarters, but they must have more than sympathy.

A small land of 3,000,000 people cannot be expected forever to hold Russia with 180,000,000.

If someone does not come to Finland's aid she will be finished and will suffer the same fate as Poland or worse," he said. "What Sweden and Norway and Denmark are doing is lip-service and is insufficient. Arms and men must be given and given soon.

RESULT OF DEFEAT

The defeat of Finland will mean far more for Britain and France and the world than the defeat of Poland and Germany should stop and think.

Russia may now be an ally, but what chance will Germany have even if she should succeed against Britain and France?

SWEDISH RESPONSE

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—At a meeting in Stockholm, attended by 6,000 people, M. Eriksson, the Finnish Foreign Minister, was cheered to the echo.

When an appeal for funds to help Finland was made, even wedding rings were thrown into the collection boxes.

ATTEMPT TO CUT FINLAND IN TWO

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—It is believed here that the Russians are attempting to cut Finland in two by driving a wedge through Brovaniemi, 120 miles from the Soviet frontier, to the Gulf of Bothnia.

The Russians claim to have reached within 97 miles of Brovaniemi and within 25 miles of the railroad, the cutting of which would be an important victory.

Finnish sources declare that the Russians only advanced twelve miles and are still over 37 miles from the railroad.

RUSSIAN POSSIBLE DRIVE ON RUMANIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—While Mr. Roosevelt is considering the possibilities of American financial and other aid to Finland, Government circles are following, with increasing nervousness, reports from the Balkans indicating the possibility of a Soviet drive on Rumania.

OMINOUS PRELUDE

The Soviet press attitude towards Rumania is believed to be an ominous prelude to the seizure of Bessarabia, with its rich oil and agricultural resources.

Government circles base their fears, not only on official reports during the past day or two, but on what has happened in the past, as a prelude to such action, notably in the case of Finland.

LOST PRIDE?

The strong resistance put up by the Finns has caused the Russians to lose pace, these circles point out, and so Moscow may now be preparing to make some move in the Balkans in order to recapture Russia's lost pride.

The cession of Bessarabia to Rumania at the end of the Great War has always irritated the Soviet Government.

CONTINUED PRESS ATTACKS

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Pravda echoes, in its issue published yesterday, the attack on Rumania and Turkey shrieked by the "Communist International," organ of the Comintern.

The attack adopts the same line of threatening to rescue Bessarabia from its Rumanian persecutors, of minorities and describing Turkey's alliance with Britain and France as a danger to Turkish Independence.

TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

A message from Rome states that reports reaching there confirm Soviet concentrations on the Bessarabian frontier, with Reuter.

AMERICA RESERVES ALL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—It is learned that the United States has reserved all rights, under international law, in connection with Britain's order to stop German exports being made through neutral countries.

It is understood that this reservation was communicated to Lord Lothian for transmission to London. It is said to be strictly "not the nature of an open protest" and is based on two points:

Firstly, the question of principle under international law (in the World War the United States, as long as she was neutral refused to accept the British blockade on Germany);

Secondly, the United States really needs some of the articles she has purchased from Germany, including fine precision instruments.

It is understood that Britain is willing to make a concession on such essentials to permit them being sent from Germany.

FINNISH-AMERICANS RALLY TO COLOURS

HELSINKI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—A total of 230 Finnish-Americans, many of whom have never seen Finland, arrived here yesterday to join the Finnish Army as volunteers. They left New York early last month when it became apparent that the Russians were eager to pick a quarrel.

News of the Soviet invasion of Finland reached the contingent while they were at sea.

ANGLO-TURKISH FINANCIAL PACT

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Anglo-Turkish financial and economic discussions are proceeding to a conclusion and an agreement in principle, is expected to be signed shortly.

DIFFICULT POSITION FOR CHINA

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Chinese Ambassador in London, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, left for Geneva on Wednesday night to attend the League meeting.

The Chinese in London find themselves in a difficult position.

While naturally sympathising with Finland, they cannot fail to recognize that gratitude is due to the Soviet for substantial help afforded to China in her struggle against Japan.

Pedestrians Killed In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Two Chinese pedestrians were killed and one wounded this morning when a gunman in the Settlement tried to escape from the scene of an attempted attack on Ku Shou-cheng, said to be a high Taoist Police Officer.

While Ku was waiting for a bus at Weihaiwei Road, the gunman approached and fired one shot. Ku jumped to cover and managed to escape.

The Settlement Police chased the gunman, who discharged his Mauser pistol wildly in an attempt to shake off his pursuers.

BRITISH ON SCENE

The gunman was brought down by British members of the Police, Sub-Inspector Bretherton and Sergeant Cornwall, who happened to be on the scene on motor-cycles.

An ambulance rushed to the scene and within the short distance of a block picked up four pedestrians shot by the gunman in his flight, two of whom were hit on the head and found dead.

The others, including the gunman, were sent to hospital.

HISTORIC MEETING

LONDON, Dec. 8 (REUTER)—A HISTORIC ENCOUNTER TOOK PLACE IN A FRENCH PROVINCIAL TOWN BEHIND THE LINES YESTERDAY, WHEN THE HEADS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND FRANCE CLASPED HANDS.

His Majesty the King entertained M. Lebrun and M. Daladier to lunch, which Viscount Gort, the Duke of Gloucester and other high French and British officers were present.

Cordial toasts were exchanged.

Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F.

ALLIED ARMAMENT FOR TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The purchase of armaments and war material of the most modern types from the Allies was announced by Gen. Orsay, who has returned from a mission to London and Paris.

He said they had brought back excellent results and emphasised that the Allied statesmen had expressed the warmest admiration of confidence in the Turkish Army.

Gen. Orsay added that the economic mission, headed by M. Memencioglu, now in London, hoped to reach a very satisfactory agreement shortly.

Merchantman Lost Off Nova Scotia

Ottawa, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Naval headquarters announced that nine lives are believed to have been lost in the sinking of a British merchantman, name not given.

The victims died of exposure after their lifeboat capsized.

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BRITISH CHARTERING OF NEUTRAL SHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—It was officially confirmed in London yesterday, with reference to the statement made in the House of Commons by the Lord of the Admiralty regarding the British chartering of neutral vessels, that the Ministry of Shipping has already arranged employment for several millions of neutral tonnage.

MANY ADVANTAGES

Such action is advantageous to neutral ship-owners, in that the British Government takes over the liability of war risks, the profits guaranteed are not speculative and the vessels chartered will be conducted from port to port by the effective convoy system of the Royal Navy.

Experience in recent weeks suggests that British ships proceeding in convoy are safer from indiscriminate German attacks than neutral vessels travelling unaccompanied and peacefully on normal commercial business.

ALL FACILITIES

Neutral ships are finding employment in British trades on the same footing as British ships in respect of bunkers, repairs and other facilities, which mean so much to shipowners even in peacetime and become increasingly important in war.

It is thus clear that the system of chartering neutral tonnage by Great Britain operates to the mutual advantage of both parties.

ITALIAN & BRITISH PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The British Air Force has taken delivery of some fifty to sixty Italian planes.

British factories will be sending thirty fighter aircraft to Finland shortly and also a large quantity of war materials.

Orders for these were placed sometime ago and the shipment are in fulfilment of private contracts and it is emphasised in London that the British Government has no connection with these shipments.

A message from Washington states that President Roosevelt hopes to be able to help the Finns by supplying them with surplus crops on credit.

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CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

ECHOES OF THE WAR: SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION FOR WAR PRISONERS

The war had gone on for only a very short time when the first casualty among Catholic army chaplains was reported, a Frenchman, Canon Ernest Foucley, from Austin, the first priest to die on the Western front in the war. Four other chaplains have since been killed.

From "Somewhere at sea" came an appeal from Vice Admiral Hornell for more support for the "Apostleship of the Sea," which looks after the interests of Catholic seafarers. Admiral Hornell, a brother of the late Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, who is a Catholic since 1933, is Chairman of the International Council of the "Apostleship of the Sea." He returned to the sea from retirement on the outbreak of the war.

In the course of his appeal he wrote:

"Never in all our history has the destiny of our people, nay of our Christian civilisation, been more certainly dependent upon the self-sacrifice of those who man our ships. The ship in which I sail has officials and men who are Catholics. So it is with numbers of our ships and those of our great Catholic ally France."

CATHOLIC MISSION

The Swiss Catholic Mission, which during the last war arranged for Catholic priests to visit prisoners of war in the belligerent countries, is making preparations to carry out similar arrangements during the present war.

Its principal aim is to see that all Catholic prisoners have every opportunity of practising their material comforts, arranges correspondence with relatives and passes on parcels of clothing, food and other things, and carries out the most varied services in connection with the soldiers.

The Mission is presided over by the Bishop of Lucerne, Geneva and Friburg, Mgr. Besson, and is assisted by all the Catholic institutions in Switzerland.

FLOYD GIBBONS

Floyd Gibbons, whose motion picture "shorts" relating to true adventures in the every-day lives of people made him even more widely known than his work as a journalist, died a few months ago. He was a Catholic. He was born in Washington D.C., and attended the Jesuit College and University (Georgetown) in that city.

He took up journalism after leaving the university and was on the staff of many well-known papers in the United States, but he became best known by his work as a war correspondent which took him to all parts of the world. He was celebrated for his vigorous style of reporting. He did not draw on his imagination, so many other vivid reporters do, but made every

engagement of two well-known Catholic tennis players, one British the other from New Zealand, to two sisters, was announced a short time ago. The Englishman is G. P. Hughes, the Davis Cup player, and the New Zealander C. E. Malfroy, the champion of his native country.

Pat Hughes, as he is commonly called, is one of the most travelled of British tennis stars, for he has played in twenty-four different countries. He was a member of the team that recovered the Davis Cup from France in 1933.

He was most successful as a doubles player, and he won the Wimbledon doubles championship with Tuckey in 1936, the French doubles title with Perry in 1933, and the Australian doubles, also with Perry, in 1934. He has held the singles championship of Italy, which he won by a brilliant defeat of Cochet.

Another reminder of one once well known in the sporting world, appeared in the news recently in unusual circumstances, when Sr. Marie Winifred Gill wrote from Spain to some sportsmen whom she knew, asking for help for a convert in Switzerland, which gave her succour where she took refuge during the Spanish war.

Her father was the well-known Yorkshire greyhound trainer, who trained the most famous of dogs "Master McGrath," for Lord Lurgan. It was in connection with coursing that Gill went to Ireland, and there he became a convert to the Catholic Faith.

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CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

2nd Sunday in Advent Solemn Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

Morning Services: 1st Mass at 6 a.m. with sermon in Chinese; 2nd Mass at 8 a.m. Solemn Pontifical Mass and Papal Blessing; 3rd Mass at 10 a.m. with sermon in English. Evening Services: 12.30-Catechetical Instruction; 4-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction; Consecration of China to the Blessed Virgin. Dec. 12-Holy Hour from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. Dec. 13-St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr. Dec. 18-Saint Alice, Empress. The Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord begins at 6.30 p.m., and it will be continued till December 24 at the same hour.

On week days: Mass at 6 and 7.30 Confessions morning and evening.

EMMANUEL MISSION CHURCH

Sunday: 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Service. Preacher, Rev. Wilfrid Stott (Nanning). 2.45 p.m. Sunday School.

3. Bible Classes. 7.30 Song Service conducted by Mrs. Roberts & Mr. Macleod. 8. Evening Service. Preacher, Dr. Lethbridge Clift. Subject, "Is God controlling the affairs of the world?" Text, "Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the King of God was coming. (St. Luke 17:20)." Monday-7.30 p.m. S.A.C.A. Backboard Meeting. 8. Bible Study Circle at 7.30 Nathan Road, 1st floor. Tuesday-2.30 p.m. Meeting for Chinese youths. Wednesday-8 p.m. Praise & Prayer Meeting.

Thursday-10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Circle at 216 Nathan Road, 1st floor. 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Friday-8 p.m. Bible Study Circle at 3, Ho Man Tin Street, Top floor.

All are welcome. No collection on Sunday evening.

LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow will be "God the preserver of Man."

The Golden Text will be:—"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." (Ps. 121:8.)

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station. Sunday Service

Weekdays-Holy Communion is celebrated on:—Thursday at 7.30 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
(CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOWLOON)

Second Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. The monthly Holy Communion Fellowship Breakfast will follow this service. All Communicants are invited to be present. Matins and Address 11 a.m. Preacher: The Vicar. Evensong and Address 6.15 p.m. Preacher: The Vicar. The Sunday Evening Club will be held in the Chater Room after the evening service. Primary Sunday School in the Hall, 10 a.m. Leader: Miss W. Robinson. Young People's Service in Church, 10 a.m. Leader: Mr. R. Baldwin.

WEEK DAY NOTICES

Monday—Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. Fellowship of Youth, 8 p.m. Teacher's Preparation Class, 7 p.m. Tuesday. Mother's Union, 3 p.m. Brownie Pack, 3.30 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice, 7 p.m. Wednesday Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs, 5.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Rover Scouts (1st Kowloon) at 11 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, at 4.45 p.m. Thursday. Women's Fellowship, 3 p.m. Boy Scouts, 8 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Committee meeting at 8.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club "Open" night at 9 p.m. Friday.

Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. A. R. P. Lecture, 6 p.m. Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m. Too H in the Chater Room, 6.45 p.m.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH SERVICES

The Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute Hongkong CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday next Advent II. 8 a.m. Holy Communion 8 p.m. Evensong and Short Address Preacher Rev. Charles Strong (Chaplain).

Notices: All seafarers are invited to a Social Hour in the Lounge after the Evening Service.

N.B.—The Church is open to the general public

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Advent. First Mass and General Communion at 8 a.m. Second Mass at 10 a.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sunday School for Children at 3 p.m. On week days, Holy Mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day, before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (KOWLOON)

Dec. 10-2nd Sunday of Advent. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Junior Church at 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 12, Prayer, Hymn No. 127, 1st Lesson, Hymn No. 313, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 303, Sermon, Hymn No. 386, Benediction. Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymn No. 79, Prayer, Hymn No. 568, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 624, Sermon, Hymn No. 691, Benediction.

NOTICES

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at 8 & S. Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. The Badminton Club is meeting on Monday and Thursday 7 p.m. at 8 & S. Home. There will be a meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at S & S. Home on Tuesday 8.30 p.m. A Servicemen's Dance will be held at 8 & S. Home on Friday 8.30 p.m. The band of the 2nd Batt. Royal Scots will be in attendance by kind permission of the Commanding Officer. Tickets \$1, including refreshments. Ladies by invitation.

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His Excellency Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote will be present at the Races at the Valley on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m.

The annual weight-lifting competition of the Mauricio College of Physical Education will take place on Sunday, December 17, at 2.30 p.m.

His Excellency and Lady Northcote will be present at a concert by the Hongkong Chamber Music Club at Government House on Friday at 9.30 p.m.

An application by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, solicitor, for sealing letters of administration in respect of the estate, sworn under \$600, of the late Mr. Edward Webb, Chinese Maritime Customs officer, who died in Hongkong on November 17, 1938, has been granted.

Opium Suppression Inspection Corps for Yunnan, Kweichow, and Sichuan have been organised.

Messrs. Ting Chao-kuan, Ho Yu-shu and Wang Ching-yu have been appointed chiefs of the respective corps.

All are welcome. No collection on Sunday evening.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

ROSARY CHURCH

2nd Sunday in Advent

At 8.30 Mass with sermon in Chinese. 7.30 Mass with sermon in English. 8.30 Mass with sermon in Portuguese. 9.30 Mass with sermon in English, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

At 2 p.m. Catechetical Instruction in Chinese.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS DECEMBER 8, 1939

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4

On Shanghai:—
On demand 320
On Singapore:—
On demand 32 3/4
On Japan:—
On demand 32 3/4
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/2
and demand 1/2 1/2

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/4
Credits 60 days' sight 24 7/8

On Batavia:—
On demand 46 1/8

On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 1390
Credits 4 months' sight 1145

On Saigon:—
On demand 108 1/2

On Manila:—
On demand 48 1/2

On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2

Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz. 33 5/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices dropped 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23.5/16 for Ready and 23.1/2 for Forward. Silver advices reported speculators as having sold to a small extent. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 391/4.

Market

featureless.
Sterling
There were sellers at 1/231/32 December-February and 1/215/16 March/April, probably May, buyers at 1/3 for Cash and 1/231/32 March.

U.S. Dollars
Sellers at 24.5/16 December and 24.1/8 January, buyers at 24.3/8 December, probably Cash and 24 1/4 January.

Shanghai Dollars
332 at the close.

Shanghai Market
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 4.15/32 and at the close sellers were quoted at 4.11/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers for Spot opened at 7.8/32 and closed with sellers at 7.5/18 for Spot.

Afternoon Market
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling
The market closed with sellers at 1/231/32 December-February and 1/215/16 March/April, probably May, buyers at 1/3 Cash and 1/231/32 March.

U.S. Dollars
Sellers at 24.5/16 Cash, 24.1/4 December, 24.1/8 January and 24 February, buyers at 24.3/8 Cash, 24.1/4 January and 24.1/8 February.

Shanghai Dollars
332.

Shanghai Market
Sterling 4.15/32 sellers for Spot. U.S. Dollars 7.9/32 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Dec. 8 (Reuter)
Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/4
New York 6-7/8
Japan 29-1/4
India 23-1/2
Paris 3.11
Hongkong 28-1/4

Sellers
Opening Closing
Spot 0/4-15/32 0/4-31/64
Dec. 0/4-15/32 0/4-31/64
Jan. 0/4-7/16 0/4-29/64

U.S. Dollars
Spot \$7-9/32 \$7-5/16
Dec. 7-1/4 7-9/32
Jan. 7-1/8 7-5/32
Market—Quiet
Merchant Rates

Sterling 0/4-1/16
U.S. Dollars, 47-3/18
Silver duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10.00 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d., unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 23-1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Dec. 7 (Reuter)
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/8

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Dec. 7 (Reuter)
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 87-12-0 nominal

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HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, December 7, 1939.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S P O T	38-7/8	38-1/2			off 3/8
JAN.-MARCH	37-1/4	37			off 1/4
APRIL-JUNE	53-1/8	34-7/8			off 1/4

The market was steady but quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S P O T	11-1/8	11			off 1/8
JAN.-MARCH	11-1/8	11			off 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	11	10-7/8			off 1/8

Market closed quiet. Prices eased on liquidation and "stop-loss" selling.

COTTON: Prices advanced on price-fixing and good foreign demand while contracts were scarce. 'Spots' were firm and there was a continued demand for textiles and retail reports were encouraging. Our opinion remains bullish, believing that the tightness in 'free supplies,' the excellent domestic consumption outlook and the general expectation of good exports will warrant higher prices eventually.

RUBBER: The easiness of the primary markets, the persistent December liquidation and the withdrawal of factory interests were depressing factors. Favourable private estimates of November consumption were ignored.

WHEAT: The expectation of heavy abandonment of Winter acreage due to the recent drought conditions and unfavourable crop reports from Australia and Argentina were today's bullish factors.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 148.78; Today's close, 148.70; Change, off .08

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

	Prev. To-day's	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	10.09	9.82	9.85	10.08	.23	up
New York Rubber, Mar.	18.86	18.57	18.70	18.80	.10	off
Chicago Wheat, May	96	93 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	1 1/2	up
Chicago Corn, May	56 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	1 1/2	up
New York Hides, May	15.05	14.84	15.00	14.84	.16	off

NEW YORK COTTON Close
December 10.14/15 10.16/15 10.38/39 .24 up
January 10.08/06 10.06/06 10.31/31 .25 up
March 9.85/85 9.84/86 10.08/09 .23 up
May 9.56/56 9.55/55 9.74/80 .18 up
July 9.22/22 9.21/20 9.39/40 .17 up
July (New contract) 9.42 N 9.41b/43a 9.59 N .17 up
October () 8.74/74 8.74/75 8.80/93 .16 up
December () unquoted unquoted 10.553 N .24 up

Note: December cotton, last notice day—15/12/39.

Total sales for the day—1,030 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT Close
December 97 1/2 97 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2 up

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U.S. Dollars
Sellers at 24.5/16 Cash, 24.1/4 December, 24.1/8 January and 24 February, buyers at 24.3/8 Cash, 24.1/4 January and 24 February.

CHICAGO CORN Close
December 54 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2 off

May 55 1/2 55 1/2 55 1/2 55 1/2 up

July 55 1/2 55 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT Close
December 79 1/2 79 1/2 81 1/2 81 1/2 up

May 83 1/2 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 up

July 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2 86 1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES Close
March 15.00/00 15.05/03 14.84/85 .16 off

June 15.30/30 15.35/29 15.15/13 .17 off

New York, Official 34-3/4 34-3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 3.92

3.91 1/4

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

	New York, Dec. 7 (Reuter)	Dow Jones Averages	Dec. 6, 1939	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec. 1	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	121.44	145.75	142.59	147.98	.08 off
			24.14	32.14	31.45	32.23	.09 up
			20.70	25.21	25.41	26.07	.07 up
			84.51	89.57	89.52	89.52	.05 up
			45.69	68.89	69.58	69.58	.09 up

Business Done—1,010,000 shares

—bld. —ex. div.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

STOCKS Last Sale Dec. 7 STOCKS Last Sale Dec. 7

Adams Express 82 Likey Foundry & Mac 44

Alleghany Steel Co. 227 Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass 50

Allied Stores 10 Lockheed Aircraft 32

Allis Chalmers 39 Loew's Inc. 33

Aluminum Ltd. 103 Mack Truck Inc. 29

Amerada Corp. 112 Manhattan Shirt Co. 1

Amer. Can. 124 Martin, Gier, L. 40

American Cyanamid B. 314 McKesson & Robbins, pfd. 1

Amer. & Foreign Power 24 Montgomery Ward 104

Ameri. & Foreign 97 pf. National Aviation 123

American Gas & Elec. 37 Nat'l. Dairy Products 137

Amer. Locomotive 224 National Gypsum 113

Amer. Metals Co. 25 National Lead 207

Amer. Radiator 174 Nat'l. Nat'l. Distillers 24

Amer. Rolling Mill 174 Nat'l. Power & Light 84

Amer. Siting & R'ing Co. 51 National Steel Corp. 72

Amer. Sugar Refining 21 Nat'l. Supply Corp. 94

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ICE CO. MEETING

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Items which call for comment and I now propose that the accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded I will be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which Shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Sewell, in seconding the motion, said that the shareholders appreciated the action of the directors in waiving their fees.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. Ho Kom-tong, retiring directors, were re-elected on the proposal by Mr. W. L. Alexander. Mr. B. C. Tavadia seconded.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce moved that Messrs. Percy M. Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors at a fee of \$350.

This was seconded by Mr. Ho Kom-tong and carried.

The meeting then terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

**COTTON OPTIONS
IN BOMBAY**

BOMBAY, Dec. 8 (Reuters)—The Governor of Bombay, according to an official announcement, intends in the next day or two to make an act declaring void options in cotton along the lines of the ordinance issued on Sept. 22.

The ordinance prohibited option business in cotton in view of the violent fluctuations in prices.

WEATHER REPORT

HONGKONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., Dec. 8.
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.22 ins.
Temperature, 67 F.
Humidity, 68 per cent.
Wind Direction, ESE.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 74 F.
Temperature, minimum last night, 61 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 86.70 ins.
Against an average of, 84.30 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.51 a.m.
4 p.m., December 8.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.08 ins.
Temperature, 69 F.
Humidity, 59 per cent.
Wind Direction, ESE.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 71 F.
Minimum temperature, 61 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 9 to 15 Dec. 1939

Day of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	9	6.54	5.1	0.28	1.9
	10	7.7	13.25	3.5	
Sun.	10	8.48	5.1	0.38	1.5
	11	9.68	7.9	14.02	3.6
Mon.	11	10.59	5.0	0.34	1.2
	12	11.24	8.0	14.37	3.7
Tues.	12	11.94	7.4	0.47	1.0
	13	12.58	8.0	15.15	3.7
Wed.	13	12.08	4.9	0.50	1.1
	14	22.28	7.8	15.49	3.8
Thur.	14	12.62	4.8	0.64	1.2
	15	22.56	7.4	18.85	4.0
Fri.	15	13.37	4.8	0.82	1.4
		23.31	7.0	17.08	4.2

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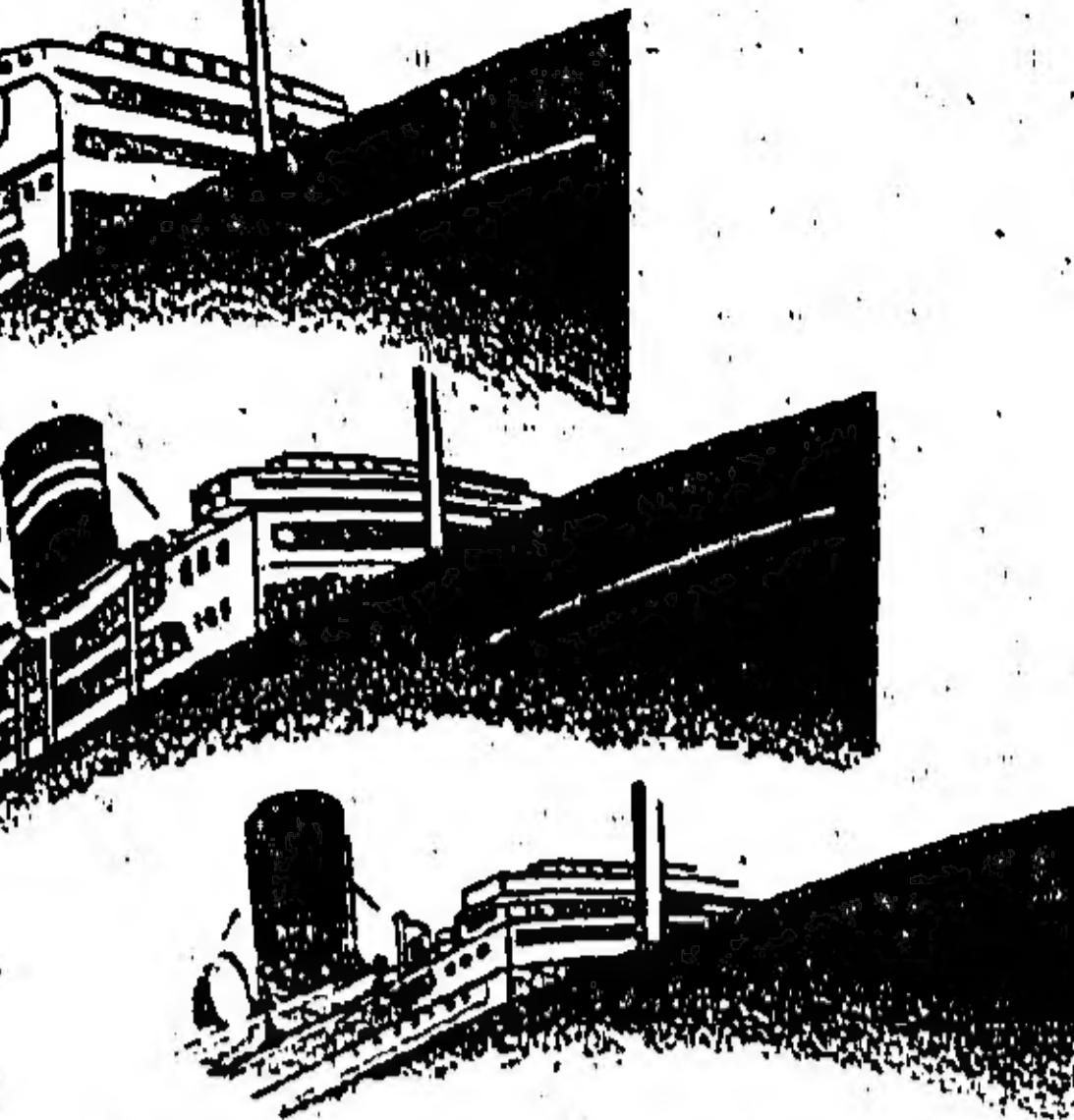
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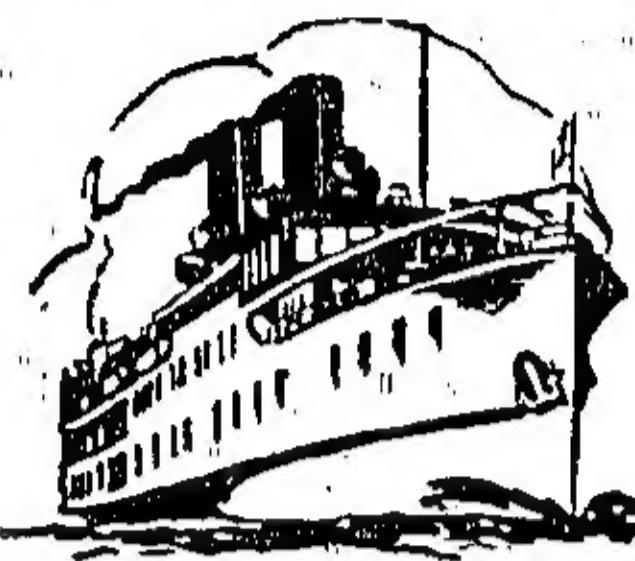
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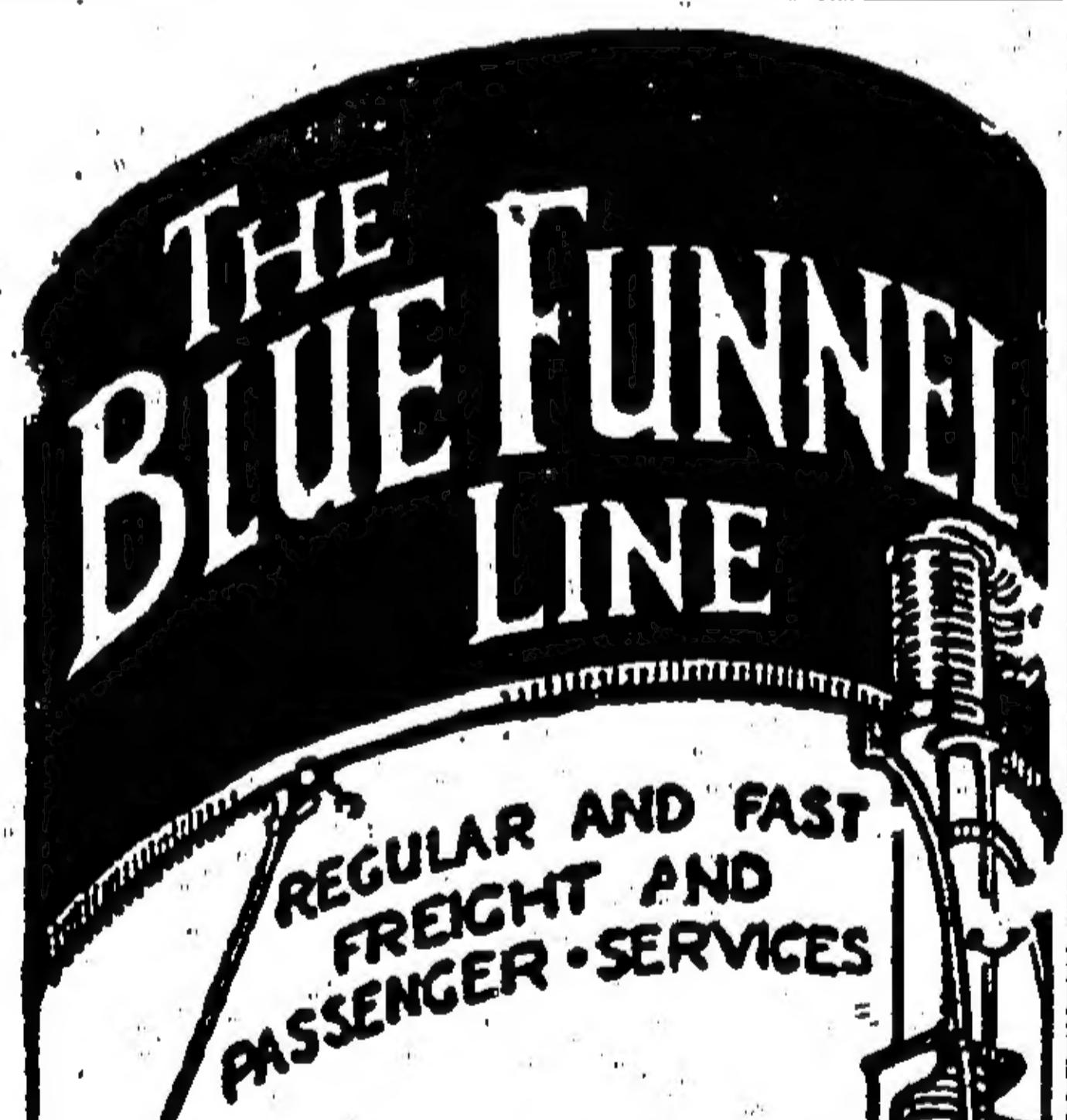
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pectively.

On the Caroline Hill ground, SOUTH CHINA "A" are favoured
to gather two further points at the expense of KWONG WAH, who still
have an outside chance of winning the League.

This should induce them to greater efforts and a close
game, therefore, is expected.

The champions will be at full
strength again, though Lau Tau-
man is reported to be still up in
Shanghai. However, Lau Chung-
sang has proved an able deputy and
should retain his place.

I understand that Lee Wal-
tong will definitely be turning
out this afternoon and, with
his inclusion, should restore
some of the brilliance to the
attack that has been so mar-
kably absent in the past two
weeks.

Kwong Wah will most probably
be fielding the same eleven as that
which defeated Kowloon. The
electricians were certainly better
off as the result of the changes
though they took a long time to
get accustomed to their new posi-
tions.

It appeared that the bugbear of
the Kwong Wah's forward line was
to find the right place for Cheuk
Shek-kam. Since Li Yan-leung's
promotion to the leadership, he had
played in nearly every position in
the front line, but I think he has
at last found his right berth, at
inside-left.

"BIG" MATCH
The other "big" match this after-
noon will be the EASTERN-MID-
DLESSEX clash on the Club ground.

Eastern have not been very im-
pressive in their last two games
and they will have to produce their
best form if they are to beat Mid-
dlesex and to remain in the cham-
pionship race.

The most disappointing feature
in the Eastern team is their for-
wards, as much had been expected
from them. The only player to
produce true form is Han Ching-to.
He has been playing consistently

POLICE AT HOME
With the advantage of home
ground POLICE should be able to
account for CLUB while SOUTH
CHINA "B" are expected to beat
the ROYAL NAVY.

South China "B" will be without
Kwok Ying-ki who was injured in
the match against Eastern last
week.

FORECAST
SOUTH CHINA "A" v. Kwong Wah

POLICE v. Club

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon

EASTERN v. Middlesex

Royal Navy v. SOUTH CHINA "B"

Chinese Delegation To League

SINO-JAPANESE DISPUTE UNLIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuters)— It is revealed here that the Chinese
delegation to the League Assembly,
comprising Dr. Wellington Koo, Mr. Quo Tai-chi and Dr. King
Wen-ze, is due to arrive at Geneva
today.

Unless the delegation firmly in-
sists on the inclusion in the dis-
cussion of the Sino-Japanese hos-
tilities on the agenda, it is stated
that the League meetings will
unlikely take up the Sino-Japanese
dispute, restricting the discussion
to the Soviet-Finnish dispute.

SOVIET WITHDRAWAL

Geneva reports received here
indicate the strong possibility of
the withdrawal of the Soviet from
the League, while League members
are understood to be watching the
attitude of the Baltic States
and China at the forthcoming
meetings.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been chosen
to represent the Hongkong Uni-
versity 1st XI in a friendly cricket
match against the Indian Rec-
reation Club at the Pavilion, to-
day at 2.00 p.m. sharp:—

1st XI: W. S. Gegg, R. S. Gill,
K. T. Loke, R. M. Soares, C. N.
Matthews, Tam Kong Yee, V. Lin-
gam, N. C. Sen Gupta, J. Tsui, G.
Hong Choy, S. Mahmood.

The following will represent the
Hongkong University 2nd XI in a
friendly cricket match against the
Club de Recreio, at the Recreio
Ground, today at 2.00 p.m.
sharp:—

2nd XI: L. H. Tan, O. V. Cheong,
Lim Meng Sal, Ameerali, Kenneth
Lo, J. Fenton, Hoo Cheng Weng.

Umpire: K. S. Oh.

ROBBERY REPORT

Robbery of a Shanghai Chinese,
named Loong Lin-sun, at his resi-
dence at No. 55, Ma Tau Wei Road,
Hung Hom district, was reported to
the police.

It appears that three men armed
with daggers entered Loong's
house at about 9.15 yesterday
morning and after threatening the
inmates, got away with \$372 in
Hongkong currency and jewellery
valued at about \$75. The police
are making enquiries.

Teoh Traw Bee, N. Singh, L. Gut-
ters, B. S. Chowla.

Reserves:—S. C. Hung, Bashir
Ahmed.

Umpire: K. S. Oh.

Triangular Tournament Rugby

CLUB TEAM TO MEET THE NAVY TODAY

A further game in the First
Round of the Annual Rugby Foot-
ball Triangular Tournament will
be played on the Navy Ground at
Causeway Bay today, when the
Navy will meet the Club.

The game will commence at 4
p.m.

Prior to the Triangular Tournamen-
t game, there will be a match
commencing at 2.45 p.m. between
the 8th Heavy Regt, R.A., and the
Club A XV.

CLUB TEAMS

The Club sides have been select-
ed as follows:—

1st XV:—F. M. Thompson (15),
D. I. Bosanquet (5), H. D. Bidwell
(3), J. Hutchinson (1), D. H. Ste-
wart (2), J. C. Charter (4), J. R.
Henderson (22), R. E. Heasman
(11), R. G. Castleton (25), F. F.
Wainklyn (26), E. A. Bompas (27),
C. F. Needham (12), A. M. Ken-
nedy (18), A. F. Walkden (13)
(Captain), and G. B. Godfrey (28).

2nd XV:—G. S. Wilson, H. van
Leeuwen (Captain), M. G. Carru-
thers, D. B. Nelson, H. M. Lavalle,
B. C. Fay, J. M. Thomson, L. A.
Searle, K. W. Salter, H. W. E.
Heath, J. S. Dunnett, E. C. Lus-
combe, B. O. M. Deane, A. G. Dal-
ziel and W. B. Richardson.

NAVY TEAM

The Navy team will be selected
from the following players:

Pay Lieutenant Stevens; Mid-
Officer O'Riordan; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul
Sub-Lieutenant Hendon; Lieut.
Commander Clark; Lieut. Bax;
Lieut. W. Barlow, Lieg. Sig. Inglis
Lieut. (B) Brown, L.S.A. Palmer;
Fl. Lieut. Taylor, C.P.O. Wtr. King;
Pay-Lieut. Charles, Lieg. Wtr. Fer-
ris, L.A.C. Gale, A.B. Longmuir.

**Dardanus Repaired
By Japanese**

**EXPECTED BACK
IN H.K. DEC. 15**

Arrangements have been com-
pleted for the departure of the
Imperial Airways' crew of the
R.M.A. Dardanus, Captain J. N.
Wilson and First Officer J. K.
Raeburn, accompanied by a com-
pany engineer, on Monday for
Welchow Island.

The aviators, accompanied by
Commander Honda, of the Japan-
ese Navy, will leave Hongkong by
a commercial steamer for the port
of Hulow, where they will proceed
to Welchow Island by a Japanese
military vessel.

Capt. Wilson, First Officer Rae-
burn and the engineer will return
immediately to Hongkong with the
Dardanus, which has been repaired
at Welchow Island by the Japan-
ese. The plane is expected to ar-
rive at Kai Tak on Dec. 15.

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Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier
than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where
mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and
parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When
mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and
Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

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SATURDAY

Tourane, ...

Manila, ...

Shanghai and Japan, ...

Parcels only for Shanghai, ...

Canton, ...

Parcels only for Haiphong, ...

Shanghai, ...

Straits and Manilla, ...

Japan and Shanghai, ...

Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th
November), ...

Straits, ...

Java and Manilla, ...

Rabaul, ...

U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date
22nd November), ...

Shanghai, ...

Australia and Manilla, ...

Australia and Manilla, ...

Straits, ...

Japan and Shanghai, ...

Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th
November), ...

SUNDAY

Port Bayard, ...

Amoy, ...

Haiphong, ...

MONDAY

Canton, ...

Shanghai, ...

TUESDAY

Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya, ...

Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin, ...

WEDNESDAY

Parcels only for Swatow, ...

THURSDAY

Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A.,
by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—
due San Francisco, 17th December, ...

Bangkok, ...

Carton, ...

FRIDAY

Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya, ...

Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin, ...

SATURDAY

Parcels only for Swatow, ...

SUNDAY

Airmail for Malaya,